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For : HOLLOW FIBER MEMBRANE FOR BLOOD PURIFICATION AND  
BLOOD PURIFICATION APPARATUS USING THE SAME

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Non-final Official Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 14, 2008. Inasmuch as the Office Action sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response until April 14, 2008, this paper is filed with a two-month extension of time including the requisite extension of time fee. Should any extension of time fees or other fee be required to maintain the pendency of the application, authorization is hereby provided to charge any required fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement for restriction are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks which follow.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.